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## DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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Reply To: (213) 738-4601  
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September 23, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS GRANT PERIOD ADJUSTMENT  
APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR THE SUBJECT GRANT  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(4 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the acceptance of a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs Grant Adjustment that extends the grant period of a \$145,864 grant (Attachment I), previously approved by the Board on September 16, 2003, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-2004, into FYs 2004-2005 and 2005-2006. The grant will be used to develop a pilot Mental Health Court Transition Project.
2. Approve the Request for Appropriation Adjustment for FY 2004-2005 in the amount of \$122,000 (Attachment II), to increase Salaries and Employee Benefits, \$95,000, and Services and Supplies, \$27,000, to reflect the grant funding in the FY 2004-2005 DMH budget. There is no impact on net County cost.
3. Approve authority to hire, using existing ordinance authority for one (1) full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Psychiatric Social Worker II and one (1) full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Intermediate Typist Clerk, pursuant to Section 6.06.020 of the County Code, as recommended by the Department of Human Resources. The two ordinance positions will be fully funded by the subject grant.
4. Permit the approvals provided for in this letter to extend until grant funds are expended and, if so approved by the DOJ, into future fiscal year(s) in the event that implementation of the grant crosses into future years.

5. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to take reasonable and necessary actions to effectuate the purposes of the grant, within the limits of the funding provided.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

These actions will permit the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to utilize the FY 2003-2004 grant award to implement the pilot Mental Health Court Transition Project during FYs 2004-2005 and 2005-2006. This project supports a partnership between DMH and the Mental Health Branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court. It will permit a dedicated DMH Case Manager to work in cooperation with the County Criminal Courts, Public Defender, District Attorney, and Sheriff's Department to (1) expedite stabilization of in-custody mentally ill defendants, (2) improve both judicial and mental health case management and continuity of care, (3) reduce recidivism and re-arrest by improving community care linkage, and (4) reduce lengths of incarceration and hospitalization.

Grant funding for the program was initially awarded by the U.S. DOJ Office of Justice Programs during FY 2003-2004. Your Board authorized its acceptance on September 16, 2003. However, a focus on potential DMH budget problems and issues related to hiring, both in the DMH and in the County, delayed initiation of the project. An 18-month extension of the grant from DOJ has been obtained so that DMH can use the original grant funding to fund the program during FYs 2004-2005 and 2005-2006.

In addition, should implementation of the grant cross into future fiscal year(s), if so approved by the DOJ, DMH is requesting that the approvals provided for in this letter be deemed to extend into such future fiscal year(s), until the funds are expended. DMH also requests that the Director or his designee be delegated the authority to take reasonable and necessary actions to effectuate the purposes of this grant, within the limits of the funding provided.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the County's Goal No.1, "Service Excellence," and Goal No.3, "Organizational Effectiveness," promulgated in the County Strategic Plan. The approved actions will enhance the provision of integrated services and promote collaboration between government and private agencies.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no impact on net County cost.

The grant award provides a total of \$145,864 in one-time federal funds. The appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$122,000 will be used to fund two (2) ordinance only positions, one (1) full-time (1.0 FTE) Psychiatric Social Worker II, and one (1) full-time (1.0 FTE) Intermediate Typist Clerk, totaling \$95,000, and miscellaneous operating costs of \$27,000. The staff will be hired as temporary employees for the term of the grant and as a result, there are no obligations imposed on the County when the grant expires.

The total projected Mental Health Court Transition Project cost is \$197,906 (Attachment III), of which \$145,864 is funded by the grant, and \$52,042 is funded by in-kind match. For FY 2004-2005, the project cost is \$164,921, of which \$121,553 is funded by the grant, and \$43,368 is funded by in-kind match. The in-kind match is jointly absorbed by DMH and the Mental Health Branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court. The balance of the grant funds, \$24,311, will be included in the FY 2005-2006 budget request.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The U.S. DOJ Office of Justice Programs is the federal agency administering the federal Mental Health Courts Program in coordination with the United States Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. This program funds projects nationwide to mobilize communities to implement innovative, collaborative efforts that bring systemwide improvements to the way the needs of adult and juvenile offenders with mental disabilities or illnesses are addressed.

This subject grant requires that the County provide a minimum 25 percent match of the total project cost. This is accomplished through in-kind match, and funding will be absorbed in the DMH's and the Mental Health Branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court's FYs 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 budget. There are no obligations imposed on the County when the Grant expires. The required Grant Management Statement is attached (Attachment IV).

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This subject does not apply.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

Approval of the acceptance of the Grant Adjustment extension will enable the County to utilize the FY 2003-2004 DOJ award of \$145,864 to fund a pilot project for FYs 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 to increase the efficiency and reduce the cost of providing services to mentally ill defendants, including evaluating competency, providing treatment to stabilize defendants, and continuing community-based care in compliance with a court ordered treatment plan. The DMH Court Program will provide a comprehensive range of mental health services as the required in-kind match.

**CONCLUSION**

The Department of Mental Health will need one (1) copy of the adopted Board's action. It is requested that the Executive Officer of the Board notifies the Department of Mental Health's Contracts Development and Administration Division at (213) 738-4684 when this document is available.

Respectfully submitted,



Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.  
Director of Mental Health

MJS:RK:LQ:CC

Attachments (4)

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Chairperson, Mental Health Commission



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

ATTACHMENT I

GRANT ADJUSTMENT NOTICE

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX ☐ OJP ☐ BJS ☒ BJA ☐ NJ ☐ OJDP ☐ OVC

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1. GRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS (Including Zip Code)  
Los Angeles Department of Mental Health  
550 South Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90020

3. GRANT NUMBER:  
**2003-DD-BX-0214**

4. ADJUSTMENT NUMBER:  
**1**

1A. GRANTEE IRS/VENDOR NO.  
**953-89-3470**

5. DATE  
**APR 14 2004**

2. PROJECT TITLE  
FY 2003 Congressionally Mandated Award

6. GRANT MANAGER  
Stephen Meyer

SECTION I. DEOBLIGATIONS & REOBLIGATIONS

7. ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION CODES

FISCAL YEAR FUND CODE BUD ACT. OFC. DIV. REG. SUB. MBO

9. PREVIOUS GRANT  
AWARD AMOUNT \$ 145,864.00

10. REOBLIGATION AMT. \$ 0.00

DOCUMENT CONTROL NUMBER

11. ADJUSTED  
AWARD AMOUNT \$ 145,864.00

SECTION II. CHANGES

12. CHANGE GRANT MANAGER FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

13. CHANGE GRANT PERIOD FROM 03/01/2003 to 02/28/2004 TO 03/01/2003 to 08/31/2005

SECTION III. OTHER ADJUSTMENTS & INFORMATION

14. As requested and justified by the grantee in the attached correspondence of March 25, 2004, the grant period is extended by eighteen months, from 02/28/2004 to 08/31/2005, at no additional cost to the Federal government. The grantee presently has \$145,864.00 in unexpended funds, and is current on the required Financial Status and Progress Reports. All funds not obligated by the end of this period must be returned to the Office of Justice Programs.

15. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL  
Stephen Meyer  
State Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance

16. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

*Stephen Meyer*

*MD*  
*5/16*

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**  
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

DEPT'S.  
NO. 435

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## AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR**

4-Votes

**Sources:**

Department of Mental Health  
Federal Other  
A01-MH-20500-9031  
\$122,000

**Uses:**

Department of Mental Health  
Salaries & Employee Benefits  
A01-MH-20500-1000  
~~\$88,000~~  
95,000  
Department of Mental Health  
Services & Supplies  
A01-MH-20500-2000  
~~\$42,000~~  
27,000

This adjustment is requested to increase the appropriation in Salaries and Employee Benefits, ~~\$88,000~~ and Services and Supplies, ~~\$42,000~~, for the pilot Mental Health Court Transition Project. This adjustment is fully funded by the Department of Justice. There is no impact on net County cost.

*Susan Kerejoc*  
Marvin J. Southard, D.S.M.

Director of Mental Health

## CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR —

ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

9/21

2004

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY

*Robert J. Long*  
SEPT 8 2004

APPROVED (AS REVISED):  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

SEND 5 COPIES TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS GRANT  
MENTAL HEALTH COURT TRANSITION PROJECT  
FY 2004-2005 AND 2005-2006 PROJECT COST

ATTACHMENT III

	(1) DOJ Grant	(2) In-Kind Match	(3) In-Kind Match	(4)=(1)+(2)+(3) FY 04-05 10 Months	(5) DOJ Grant	(6) In-Kind Match	(7) In-Kind Match	(8)=(5)+(6)+(7) FY 05-06 2 Months	(9)=(1)+(5) DOJ Grant	(10)=(2)+(6) In-Kind Match	(11)=(3)+(7) In-Kind Match	(12)=(9)+(10)+(11) Project Annual Amount
1) <u>Salaries &amp; EB</u>												
Salaries:												
Mental Health:												
Case Manager - Psychiatric Social worker/II	\$ 63,840			\$ 53,200	\$ 10,640	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,640	\$ 63,840	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,840
ITC	30,588			25,490	5,098	-	-	5,098	30,588	-	-	30,588
Sub Total												
Superior Court:				26,765				5,353				32,118
Sub Total												
Employee Benefits	78,690	-	26,765	105,455	15,738	-	5,353	21,091	94,428	-	32,118	126,546
Total Salaries & EB	15,738	-	5,353	21,091	3,148	-	1,071	4,218	18,886	-	6,424	25,310
	94,428	-	32,118	126,546	18,886	-	6,424	25,309	113,314	-	38,542	151,856
2) <u>Services &amp; Supplies</u>												
Computer	4,803	-	-	4,803	921	-	-	921	5,524	-	-	5,524
Travel		1,667	-	1,667		333	-	333		2,000	-	2,000
Equipment		4,583	-	4,583		917	-	917		5,500	-	5,500
Office Supplies		500	-	500		100	-	100		600	-	600
Reprographic Services	6,667	4,500	-	11,167	1,333	900	-	2,233	8,000	5,400	-	13,400
Total Service and Supplies	11,270	11,250	-	22,520	2,254	2,250	-	4,504	13,524	13,500	-	27,024
	15,855	-	-	15,855	3,171	-	-	3,171	19,026	-	-	19,026
3) <u>Administrative Cost</u>												
TOTAL	\$ 121,553	\$ 11,250	\$ 32,118	\$ 164,921	\$ 24,311	\$ 2,250	\$ 6,424	\$ 32,984	\$ 145,864	\$ 13,500	\$ 38,542	\$ 197,906

**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office  
Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More**

Department: Mental Health

<b>Grant Project Title and Description:</b> Mental Health Court Transition Project		
<p>The Mental Health Court Transition Project is designed to expedite stabilization of in-custody mentally ill defendants; improve both judicial and mental health case management and continuity of care; reduce recidivism and re-arrest by improving community care linkage; and reduce lengths of incarceration and hospitalization. Under this pilot project, a dedicated DMH Case Manager will work with the County Criminal Courts, Public Defender, District Attorney, and Sheriff's Department to expedite the processing of cases involving mentally ill defendants by shepherding the defendants from the jail to a competency hearing, then through stabilization and disposition of the criminal case, and finally to continuing community-based care.</p>		
<b>Funding Agency</b>	<b>Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)</b>	<b>Grant Acceptance Deadline</b>
US Dept. of Justice- Office of Justice Programs	Public Law 106-515 Award No. 2003-DD-BX-0214	N/A (Grant was accepted 9/16/03)
<b>Total Amount of Grant Funding:</b> \$145,864		<b>County Match:</b> \$52,042
<b>Grant Period:</b> 30 months	<b>Begin Date:</b> 03/01/03	<b>End Date:</b> 08/31/05
<b>Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:</b> 2	<b>Full Time:</b> 2	<b>Part Time:</b> N/A
<b><u>Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires</u></b>		
Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes X	No
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes X	No
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes	No X
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes	No X
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes	No X
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes X	No
<b>Impact of additional personnel on existing space:</b>		
No impact. Positions to be housed in existing space/facilities.		
<b>Other requirements not mentioned above:</b> None		

Department Head Signature

Date

9/22/04